



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

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August 10, 2011

Dear Resident:

In March of 2011, I sent out a letter to all known residents with lawn irrigation systems explaining that due to the Commonwealth of Virginia Waterworks Regulations, the Town of Smithfield has adopted a Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Ordinance. Our adopted ordinance lists lawn sprinkler systems and irrigation systems which are connected to the public water system as one of the facilities requiring approved backflow prevention devices and testing.

Our ordinance also requires an **annual** Backflow Prevention Device Test Report to be completed and returned to our **Public Works Department**. **Please send to the attention of Will Council, P.O. Box 246 Smithfield VA 23431.** The purpose of these inspections is to protect the public health and safety of all our citizens by ensuring no contamination has occurred in the town's public drinking water system.

As of today, we have no record of receiving your device test report. The tests **must** be conducted by a certified Backflow Device Tester and returned to our office by **September 15, 2011**. I have attached a copy of the test report for your records. Our ordinance may be downloaded from the town website at www.smithfieldva.gov or you may contact me at 757-365-3327 or wcouncil@smithfieldva.gov for a copy.

I appreciate your cooperation with this public safety mandate. Please feel free to contact me at the above number or email address with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Will Council
Backflow Prevention Manager

Department of Planning, Engineering, and Public Works

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